

**CLAIMS**

### *What is claimed is:*

- 1    7. A computer program product for providing workflow management of a  
2    supply chain, comprising:  
3    (a) computer code for allowing businesses to engage in activities utilizing a  
4    network, wherein the activities each include a plurality of steps;  
5    (b) computer code for updating at least one document for each activity upon  
6    completion of each of the steps;  
7    (c) computer code for executing services to acquire information from users  
8    utilizing the network; and  
9    (d) computer code for performing tasks to populate the document with the  
10    information gathered by the execution of the services.
- 1    8. The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the businesses  
2    are apparel businesses.
- 1    9. The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the document  
2    provides an audit trail of the associated activity.
- 1    10. The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein only a single  
2    user can execute a service at a time.
- 1    11. The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the document  
2    is published after the services are executed in order to allow the users to  
3    initiate the performance of the tasks.
- 1    12. The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein contracts exist  
2    between the steps of the activity, and further comprising computer code for  
3    enforcing the completion of the steps utilizing the contracts.
- 1    13. A system for providing workflow management of a supply chain,  
2    comprising:

- 3       (a) logic for allowing businesses to engage in activities utilizing a network,  
4           wherein the activities each include a plurality of steps;  
5       (b) logic for updating at least one document for each activity upon completion of  
6           each of the steps;  
7       (c) logic for executing services to acquire information from users utilizing the  
8           network; and  
9       (d) logic for performing tasks to populate the document with the information  
10          gathered by the execution of the services.

1       14. The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the businesses are apparel  
2           businesses.

1       15. The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the document provides an audit  
2           trail of the associated activity.

1       16. The system as recited in claim 13, wherein only a single user can execute a  
2           service at a time.

1       17. The system as recited in claim 13, wherein the document is published after  
2           the services are executed in order to allow the users to initiate the  
3           performance of the tasks.

1       18. The system as recited in claim 13, wherein contracts exist between the steps  
2           of the activity, and further comprising logic for enforcing the completion of  
3           the steps utilizing the contracts.